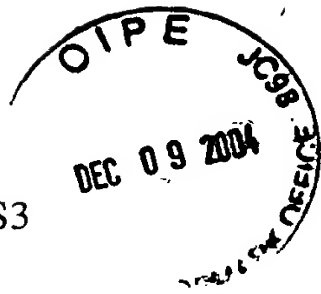


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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated August 9, 2004, and the Advisory Action dated November 23, 2004, please consider the remarks below.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper and include a listing of the claims.

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